

Abstract of the Disclosure

A reading table includes a tabletop is connected to a frame for pivotal movement up and down among selected inclined positions. The frame is supported on front and back legs, the front legs being connected for pivotal movement between "normal" forward positions and "pushed-back" positions when the table is pulled into a chair and over its seating surface. The table also includes a pair of props, shorter than the front legs, to act in place of the front legs by standing upon the seating surface when the table is pulled in over the seating surface. The legs and props are telescoped for height adjustability among a discrete number of snap lock positions. Left and right levers are pivotally mounted on left and right ends of the frame, each of them spring-biased up against a ratchet on the underside of the tabletop to releasably support the tabletop at a selected incline relative to the frame. A crossbar is slidable up and down on the tabletop to position objects such as a book. The crossbar includes left and right hold-downs which are in turn slidable along the crossbar, each of them including a spring loaded arm biased downward to hold a book open, and pivotable up and away from the tabletop.